

STATE OF WASHINGTON



OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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In the Matter of)	No. D 99 - 56
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Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C Seattle, Washington)	STIPULATIONS, FINDINGS, CONSENT AND ORDER
<i>an unlicensed agent.</i>)	

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Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C., is acting as an insurance agent in the State of Washington, and is therefore governed by Title 48 RCW.

This administrative action is based on allegations by the Commissioner's staff that Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. violated RCW 48.17.060, by the activity described in the following numbered paragraphs. To resolve only the issues identified in the following numbered paragraphs, to eliminate the necessity for a hearing, and a negotiated settlement of the Commissioner's allegations, Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. has voluntarily executed the Consent to Order contained herein and stipulate to the entry of the Order contained herein.

STIPULATIONS

1. RCW 48.17.060 provides that no person shall act as an insurance agent unless licensed therefor by the Commissioner.

2. Beginning on or about April 12, 1999 until June 9th, 1999 Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. conducted business as a title insurance agent in the State of Washington without having received a license from the Commissioner.

FINDINGS

1. The Commissioner finds that Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C., by and through the conduct described above, has violated RCW 48.17.060.
2. The Commissioner further finds that RCW 48.17.530 authorizes the Commissioner to refuse to issue a license as an insurance agent to Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C., for failing to comply with either the provisions of Title 48 RCW or the regulations promulgated thereunder.
3. The Commissioner further finds that RCW 48.17.560 authorizes, that in lieu of the refusal to issue a license as an insurance agent, the Commissioner may assess a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each and every violation of Title 48 RCW or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

CONSENT TO ORDER

In order to resolve this matter, Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. consents to pay the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000).

In order to resolve this matter, Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. voluntarily consents to the following order, with the understanding that the sum paid by Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. is a condition of the issuance of a license to Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C., for the conduct described herein.

Based on the above and foregoing stipulations, Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. acknowledges its duty and obligation to fully comply with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Washington.

Signed this 9th day of June, 1999.

Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C.

by: _____

Title: _____

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to RCW 48.17.530 and RCW 48.17.560 and the foregoing Stipulations, Findings, and Consent to Order, Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. pay the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000), for the activity described in the foregoing Stipulation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that this sum is not paid within 30 days from the date of this order, the Insurance Commissioner shall revoke the license of Stewart Title of Washington, L.L.C. and the fine will be recoverable in a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General, pursuant to RCW 48.05.185.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 9th day of June, 1999.

DEBORAH SENN

Insurance Commissioner

By:

WILLIAM E. FRANDSEN

Deputy Commissioner